(*c*) whether Sanskrit is placed in a subordinate position in the scheme of studies by the Travancore Government or the Madras University; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, why the Professorship in Sanskrit was discontinued on the death of Professor A. R. Raja Raja Varma Koiltampuran?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 8 years.

(*b*) Because a person competent in all respects to hold the Professorship in Sanskrit and Dravidian Languages as the late Professor A. R. Raja Raja Varma was not then available.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*).

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is on account of the fact that a competent man is not available that a Professor is not appointed now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no one competent for holding the professorship of both the Sanskrit and Dravidian languages.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): There is no one available in the State to hold the professorship of both the subjects?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Have the Government felt the necessity for appointing a professor of Dravidan languages?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government understand that the work is being done well under the present arrangement.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Does he mean to say therefore the Government have not felt the necessity?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not impressed as to the necessity.

Introduction of Commercial subjects as optional subjects in English Schools.

184. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, as stated in answer to a supplementary question to question No. 58 *re* introduction of Shorthand and Typewriting as optional subjects in English Schools, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th November 1926 (pages 201 to 203 of Vol. X of the Council Proceedings), they have called for a list of the students willing to take up commercial subjects as their optional subjects from the various English Schools in the State;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will lay on the table a list showing the number of such students and the schools in which they intended to take this course; and

(*c*) whether from the list thus obtained, they have considered the condition of any school as fit for making this new experiment?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The information required by the member was not collected in view of the fact that the E. S. L. C. Scheme will have to be brought into line with the Madras S. S. L. C. Scheme, the revision of which is awaiting the orders of the Government of Madras. When the revision of the E. S. L. C. Scheme is taken up for consideration, the question of the place of optionals in the Scheme, including commercial subjects like Shorthand, Typewriting, etc., will be considered.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Deputation of a Veterinary Inspector to Lahore.

185. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a Veterinary Inspector was sent to Lahore with deputation allowance for special training in certain subjects; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the manner in which the Government intend to give him facilities for making his special training useful to the public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An officer was deputed to the Lahore Veterinary College to undergo the Refreshers' course of training and was given a deputation allowance.

(*b*) The institution over which he holds charge would afford ample facilities to make proper use of the fresh knowledge he has gained in his profession.

Tom-tom charges.

186. MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question to the interpellation *re* statements of receipts on account of tom-tom charges asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th April 1929 (page 432 of Vol. XIV of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reasons for the difference in the rates of tom-tom charges in different institutions and localities; and

(*b*) whether it will not be possible to reduce the higher rates to 4 chuckrams and make them uniform?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) In civil courts when an attachment, sale or delivery of possession, of property has to be proclaimed by beat of tom-tom, a fee of 4 chuckrams per diem is levied in each case on account of tom-tom charges. In every case of sale the date of sale is proclaimed at the spot on a day previous to the sale and thereafter the sale is conducted at the spot on one day and at the court-house for three days and every day a fee of 4 chuckrams will be levied on account of tom-tom charges. The total amount of tom-tom fee levied will thus be 20 chuckrams in each case. The rate of 14 chuckrams or 21 chuckrams in each case levied by the

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